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CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please cancel claims 51-58.

1. (Amended) A nonwoven web made from fibers, said nonwoven web having a first end and a second and opposite end, said nonwoven web defining a first area having a first basis weight and a second area having a second basis weight being located on said nonwoven web according to a predetermined pattern, said first basis weight being at least about 1.5 times greater than said second basis weight, said second area being configured to pass liquids, said first area comprising from about 25% to about 75% of said nonwoven web, the web being compressed and thermally bonded together.

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